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Visa Information

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Australia’s visa requirements

All participants of the Pacific Labour Mobility Annual Meeting being held in Australia in November 2024 must hold a valid visa to enter the country. The most appropriate visa option will depend on the participant’s individual circumstances and their role in the meeting.

Participants of the Pacific Labour Mobility Annual Meeting are encouraged to lodge their visa application **4-6 weeks** in advance of their intended travel date to ensure there is sufficient time for it to be finalised. For more information on processing times see [page 5](#).

Existing visa holders

Participants of the Pacific Labour Mobility Annual Meeting who are seeking to travel to Australia using an existing visa will need to ensure that the visa is valid, covers their intended period of stay and is appropriate for their role (for example, permits multiple entries and has work rights if required).

The Department of Home Affairs’ (Home Affairs) Visa Entitlement Verification Online system (VEVO) allows people to check their visa details and any conditions. Further information is available at: [Check visa conditions online \(VEVO\)](#)

Please note that obtaining a new visa will cease your existing visa.

Attendees that will not be working

The following Visitor visas may be suitable for participants, attendees and speakers that will not be working, performing or otherwise be paid to contribute at the meeting.

Visitor Visa – Subclass 600 (Business Visitor stream)	
How do I apply?	You can apply for a Visitor (Business Visitor) visa online through ImmiAccount . You must be outside Australia when you apply and when your application is decided.
Eligible countries	All countries
Is there a visa application charge (VAC)?	AUD195 (except in limited circumstances) Attendees may be eligible for an exemption of the visa application charge (VAC) if they are travelling for official business purposes, are in one of the following categories and can provide relevant documentation with your application: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Foreign government representative travelling on diplomatic, official or personal passport○ United Nations Laissez-Passer (UNLP) holder○ Member of an exempt group (including applicant eligible under an official agreement with the Australian Government). Please ensure all relevant documentation, such as copy of your passport (for example, your government, United Nations, diplomatic or official passport), and letter of support or a Third Party Notice, is included with your application. If you are asked to provide biometrics there will be a service fee. Further information on Australia’s biometrics program is available here .
Further information	Further information on the Visitor (Business Visitor) visa is available here .

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eVisitor Visa – Subclass 651

How do I apply? You can apply for an eVisitor visa online through [ImmiAccount](#).
You must be outside Australia when you apply and when your application is decided.

Eligible countries Eligible passport holders only (see [here](#)).

Is there a VAC? No VAC

Further information Further information on the eVisitor visa is available [here](#).

Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) – Subclass 601

How do I apply? You must apply for an ETA through the Australian ETA app (available for download on both Apple and Android devices).
You must be outside Australia when you apply and when your application is decided.

Eligible countries Eligible passport holders only (see [here](#)).

Is there a VAC? No VAC
There is a AUD20 service charge (non-refundable)

Further information Further information on the ETA is available [here](#).

Attendees that will be working

The following visas may be suitable for participants, attendees, speakers or other contributors that will be working, or otherwise be paid to contribute at the meeting:

- Temporary Activity (Invited Participant) visa (subclass 408) – for participants that have a letter of invitation from an Australian organisation.
- Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa (subclass 400) – for participants where there is **no** inviting Australian organisation.

For information on visa options for media see [page 3](#).

Temporary Activity (Invited Participant) visa – subclass 408

How do I apply? You can apply for a Temporary Activity (Invited Participant) visa online through [ImmiAccount](#).
You can be in or outside Australia when you apply.
You must have a letter of invitation from an Australian organisation to be eligible to apply.
If you are in Australia when you apply you must have a Temporary activities sponsor, see [here](#).

Eligible countries All countries

Is there a VAC? **From AUD415**

Further information Further information on the Temporary Activity (Invited Participant) visa is available [here](#).

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Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa – subclass 400

How do I apply? You can apply for a Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa online through [ImmiAccount](#).
You must be outside Australia when you apply and when your application is decided.
You must include a letter of invitation, job offer, employment, contract of other document from an Australian organisation confirming your employment.

Eligible countries All countries

Is there a VAC? AUD415

Further information Further information on the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa is available [here](#).

Media

Journalists or other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover the meeting **where the production or broadcast is intended for Australian audiences** may be eligible to apply for a Temporary Activity (Entertainment) visa.

Temporary Activity (Entertainment) visa – subclass 408

How do I apply? You can apply for a Temporary Activity (Entertainment) visa online through [ImmiAccount](#).
You can be in or outside Australia when you apply for the visa and when we decide on your application.
You must be invited by an Australian organisation to be eligible to apply.
If you are [in Australia](#) when you apply you must have a Temporary activities sponsor, see [here](#).

Eligible countries All countries

Is there a VAC? From AUD415

Further information Further information on the Temporary Activity (Entertainment) visa is available [here](#).

Journalists or other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover the meeting **where the production or broadcast is not intended for Australian audiences** may be eligible to apply for a Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa.

Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa – subclass 400

How do I apply? You can apply for a Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa online through [ImmiAccount](#).
You must be outside Australia when you apply and when your application is decided.
You must include a letter of invitation, job offer, employment, contract of other document from an Australian organisation confirming your employment.

Eligible countries All countries

Is there a VAC? AUD415

Further information Further information on the Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist) visa is available [here](#).

Australia's biometric collection program

Visa applicants will need to provide their biometrics at an Australian Biometrics Collection Centre if they apply:

- for a visa that is part of the Australian biometrics program
- from a country that is part of our biometrics program.

For information regarding Australia's biometric program including visas and countries that are part of the program, please see: [Biometrics \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/biometrics)

Health and character criteria

Depending on the visa applicant's individual circumstances and proposed period of stay, they *may* need to:

- provide police certificate/s (see: [Character requirements for visas](#)), and/or
- undergo health examinations (see: [Who needs health examinations](#) and [What health examinations you need](#)).

Visa applicants may be charged a fee by a third party provider if they need to attend medical examinations or obtain police certificates. Home Affairs cannot waive these fees.

Visa processing times

Visa applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, and actual processing times can vary due to individual circumstances including:

- whether the applicant has lodged a complete application, including all necessary supporting documents and paid any associated VAC
- how quickly the applicant responds to any requests for additional information
- how long it takes to perform required checks on the supporting information provided
- how long it takes to receive information from external agencies, particularly in relation to health, character, and national security requirements, and
- when the application is lodged taking the current global visa processing times into account.

Processing times are impacted each month by cases that are complex, changes to volume of applications and changes to Ministerial Directions. Further information about visa processing times is available [here](#).

For this reason, visa applicants are encouraged to lodge their application **4-6 weeks** in advance of their intended travel date to ensure there is sufficient time for it to be finalised.

Important information about passports

When a visa is granted it is digitally linked to the passport that was provided as part of the visa application.

For this reason, visa applicants must make sure that they lodge their visa application using the information on the passport that they intend to use when they travel to Australia.

Once granted, the visa holder must also make sure that they enter Australia using that same passport.

Delays may occur at the border where the visa holder attempts to enter Australia using a different passport to the one they used during their visa application process.

If your passport information changes

Visa applicants, or visa holders, who get a new passport must notify Home Affairs **as soon as possible** so that it can be linked to their application (if it is being processed), or their visa (if their application has already been granted).

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The quickest way for visa applicants or visa holders to update their passport details is through their ImmiAccount.

- Instructions on how to update your passport information through ImmiAccount are available at: [You have a new passport \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/you-have-a-new-passport)

Visa applicants or visa holders who are unable to update their details through ImmiAccount should:

- complete a [Form 929 - Change of contact and/or passport details \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/form-929), and
- return it to 929@homeaffairs.gov.au

New Zealand Citizens

New Zealand citizens with a valid New Zealand passport do not need to apply for a visa before coming to Australia. If you meet the criteria for a Special Category visa (subclass 444) (SCV) when you enter Australia, you will be granted the visa. Further information about the SCV is available [here](#).

Obligations of all visa holders

Once a visa is granted, it is the visa holder's responsibility to be aware of, and abide by, any conditions of the visa as explained in their visa grant notification. This includes the number of entries to Australia permitted under their visa, and the period of time they can remain in Australia.

All visa holders must continue to meet Australia's health, character and security requirements on arrival and whilst in Australia.

Visas are issued electronically, and are digitally linked to the visa holder's passport. No visa labels are printed.

The information contained in this document is current as at **SEPTEMBER 2024**. Australian migration law may change after this time resulting in a change of visa options. Please check Home Affairs' website for further information: [Immigration and citizenship](#)